

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A noise-making device comprising:

a piezoelectric transducer;
a sound-amplifying housing adjacent the transducer, the sound-amplifying housing enclosing a space communicating with the transducer for receiving sound waves from the transducer, the sound amplifying housing further having a front face, said housing further comprising at least a first cavity, said first cavity is adjacent said piezoelectric transducer and amplifies sounds emitted by the piezoelectric transducer; and
a water resistant, sound permeable barrier adjacent to said front face adjacent the first cavity for preventing water entering the housing from entering the first cavity and affecting the piezoelectric transducer.

2. (Original) The noise-making device of claim 1, wherein the water resistant, sound permeable barrier is constructed of polytetrafluoroethylene.

3. (Original) The noise making device of claim 1, wherein the water resistant, sound permeable barrier is constructed of polytetrafluoroethylene and is attached to the front face by a sonic weld.

4. (Original) The noise making device of claim 1, wherein the water resistant, sound permeable barrier is constructed of polytetrafluoroethylene and is attached to the front face by a hot melt.

5. (Original) The noise making device of claim 1, wherein the water resistant, sound permeable barrier is constructed of polytetrafluoroethylene and is attached to the front face by a silicone adhesive.

6. (Previously Amended) A noise-making assembly comprising:

a piezoelectric transducer;

a sound-amplifying housing adjacent the transducer, the sound-amplifying housing enclosing a space communicating with the transducer for receiving sound waves from the transducer, the sound amplifying housing further having a front face, said housing further comprising at least a first cavity, wherein said first cavity is adjacent said piezoelectric transducer and amplifies sounds emitted by the piezoelectric transducer;

a water resistant, sound permeable barrier adjacent to said front face adjacent the first cavity for preventing water entering the housing from entering the first cavity and affecting the piezoelectric transducer; and

a water resistant, hydrophobic fastener, said fastener mating with said sound-amplifying housing adjacent the first cavity for preventing water entering the housing from entering the first cavity and affecting the piezoelectric transducer.

7. (Original) The noise making assembly of claim 6, wherein the water resistant sound permeable barrier is integrally attached to said water resistant, hydrophobic fastener.

8. (Original) The noise making assembly of claim 6, wherein the water resistant, sound permeable barrier is constructed of polytetrafluoroethylene.

9. (Original) The noise making assembly of claim 6, wherein the water resistant, hydrophobic fastener threadingly engages said sound amplifying housing.

10. (Original) The noise making assembly of claim 6, wherein the front face of said sound amplifying housing includes at least one aperture.

11. (Original) The noise making assembly of claim 6, wherein the front face of said sound amplifying housing comprises a grill.

12. (Original) The noise making assembly of claim 6, wherein the front face of said sound amplifying housing is constructed of polytetrafluoroethylene.

13. (Previously Amended) A noise-making device comprising:

a piezoelectric transducer;

a housing adjacent the transducer, the sound-amplifying housing enclosing a space communicating with the transducer for receiving sound waves from the transducer, the housing further having a front face, said housing further comprising a first cavity, wherein said first cavity is adjacent said piezoelectric transducer and amplifies sounds emitted by the piezoelectric transducer; and

a polytetrafluoroethylene barrier adjacent to said front face adjacent the first cavity for preventing water entering the housing from entering the first cavity and affecting the piezoelectric transducer.

14. (Previously Added). The noise-making device of claim 13, further comprising a second cavity adjacent the first cavity, wherein the second cavity further amplifies sounds emitted by the piezoelectric transducer.